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Confusion Still Reigns Over Fire Department Overtime Account

By Joanne Brown

Confusion regarding the expenditure of overtime monies in the Fire Department reached new heights at last Tuesday's meeting of the Town Council.

In an attempt to explain in very basic terms just why a nearly \$25,000 overtime allotment has been spent by the Fire Department since the beginning of fiscal 1979-80, Town Manager Peter Caputo detailed certain specifics.

After his rather lengthy presentation, a motion was made to transfer \$11,760 from the General Reserve Fund to the overtime account of the Fire Department budget. The vote, with a 9-4-2 outcome, resulted in even greater confusion as the councilors could not agree on the number needed to approve the transfer.

Caputo Attempts To Explain

Caputo began his presentation by stating that some savings had accrued from the closing last fall of the Ottawa Street fire station insofar as the personnel in the department has been reduced from 53 to 51 in this year's budget. In actuality, though, he said the department has only 50 men.

At the present time, there are two members of the department out on long-term sick leave, and this cuts the manpower even further. "A minimum manpower clause in the firefighters contract calls for 11 men on each shift," explained Caputo, "and with their being short one man and having two out on long-term sick leave, replacements must be called in and these men are paid time and a half overtime. Add to that the fact that many of the men built up a considerable amount of vacation time which they've taken and we really see overtime grow."

State Mandates For EMT's

Caputo went on to outline three specific requirements in regards to Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's) mandated by the State which cause overtime to grow even more.

First, the State requires full EMT's to man the ambulance, and the town is required to pay to train them and to give them time off so they may attend classes. Secondly, the State requires two EMT's on the ambulance 24 hours a day, and thirdly, the State directs the Town to fund maintenance training for existing EMT's, a directive which extends into both the Fire and Police Departments.

Caputo, offering one possible solution to this dilemma, said, "If the State puts these requirements on us, then the State should pay." He declared his intention to discuss this with State Representative Edward Connelly within the week.

Possible Alternative

Caputo also declared that he believes the Fire Department should be the one to handle the ambulance because of the particular areas involved, but he has sought various alternatives. One of these is the possibility

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Balboni, Napolitan Say Hebert Hiring "Illegal"

A serious controversy over the hiring of Louis J. Hebert as Superintendent of Schools has erupted. School Board members Walter Balboni and Joseph Napolitan have declared that Hebert's hiring was both "illegal" and "unethical."

Trio Left Meeting

The board voted 4-0 Tuesday, August 28, to accept Hebert as the system's new superintendent after Balboni, Napolitan and Thomas Ennis had left the executive session meeting.

Board Chairman Richard Borgatti and members Jessie Fuller, Roberta Doering and Veneta Snyder took part in the balloting after the trio had departed.

Borgatti told the Advertiser/News that the vote was conducted in the open session and in his estimation, the three members who left the chambers were aware that such a vote may have been taken during the meeting.

"They can make all the statements they want about the procedure, but the meeting was not adjourned and I stated previously that a vote may be taken later in the session," Borgatti maintained.

Disagreed with Borgatti

Balboni vehemently disagreed with Borgatti's explanation. He said, "Before I left the room, Mr. Borgatti assured me that a special meeting to hire the new superintendent would be held, and I have witnesses to verify that."

Balboni said he will attempt to rescind Hebert's appointment at the September 11 meeting. Balboni said school department counsel John Teahan advised him to notify Borgatti to place the rescinding motion on the agenda.

Borgatti disclosed that Balboni had notified him of his intentions but at press time, was awaiting written confirmation from Balboni.

Hebert is currently assistant superintendent of schools at New Brunswick, New Jersey, with a student population of 11,000. Borgatti described Hebert as, "an excellent choice that would benefit the entire school system."

Pittsfield Native

A former Pittsfield native, Hebert told the committee he received a BA and MA degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and a M.Ed. from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. According to Borgatti, Hebert will acquire his doctorate in October.

Hebert was selected from a field of 80 candidates that included local applicants James Bruno, acting superintendent of schools; Paul Tatro, junior high principal; Barbara Skolnick, Robinson Park principal; Thomas O'Keefe, James Clark School principal, and Smith Rovelli, Peirce School principal.

According to Balboni, local candidates for the position "were not given a fair shot" during the search process. He added that the vote to hire Hebert, taken with three committee members absent, was indicative of

selection process, which, according to the long time board member, "was marred by personality clashes" amongst board members.

Vote for Hebert Again

When contacted for comment on the situation, Mrs. Fuller responded, "No, I didn't think the vote was handled properly but because the motion was on the floor I voted for Hebert who I will vote for again if it comes to that."

Mrs. Fuller said she protested Borgatti's intention to hold a ballot without a full complement of the board. "But as this time, I will not question Mr. Borgatti's reasoning for having the vote."

"I just feel in light of all the controversy that has occurred, it would be best if I made my feelings known at a later date," she explained.

When asked what he believed were the problems with the hiring process, Balboni replied, "There were a lot of delaying tactics and unnecessary talk. Too much time was wasted on this thing, and I believe that this is too important of a decision to make without a full complement of the board present."

Consensus of Board

Borgatti stated the September 11 session would not be held in executive session unless the consensus of the board dictated such a move.

Asked what would happen if Balboni's motion to rescind the August 28th vote was passed at the meeting, Borgatti answered, "That's a delicate question and I'll just have to wait and see what happens."

The school board chairman pointed out that Hebert was the man "the committee followed continually" during their search for a replacement for Dr. Ernest Cannava, who resigned from the post to take a similar position in Rome, New York.

"There is no question in my mind that Mr. Hebert was the man the committee wanted for this job. He received a number one rating out of 80 candidates," Borgatti related.

Preliminary Judging

Borgatti said the selection process was based on a rating system of 1-10. Committee members scored each candidate after reviewing their respective resumes. Education, experience and outside activities were considered during preliminary judging.

The committee then interviewed the 12 top candidates. From that point, six finalists were selected. Borgatti said each Agawam applicant received an interview and that he felt each was reviewed "very fairly."

A source close to the scene told the Advertiser/News that Hebert has agreed to a salary of \$35,350 per year. The source further said that Hebert's salary "was a compromise between the new superintendent and the board."

"Speeders Beware" Chief Warns

Agawam Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski announced this week that due to an increase in speeding complaints, he is "beefing up" his department's attempt to crack down on speeders within the town limits.

Chmielewski noted that since many of the roads in town have been repaved and repaired, speeding violations have increased. He said he is adding extra men to the traffic bureau to help alleviate the problem.

According to the Chief, Safety Officer Al Longhi will head up the effort which will include warnings to first time, lesser offenders, and traffic citations and fines to chronic offenders and those caught speeding excessively.

Chmielewski said that the effort is part of his department's continuing safety program whose chief aim is to make the streets and neighborhoods safe for the citizens of Agawam.

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Nardi Rec-Ed Account Passed Caputo Says No Way

Town Councilor Frederick Nardi pushed through a motion that established a special Recreation-Education Account within the Park and Rec Department, but Town Manager Peter Caputo nixed the project's funding allocation by refusing to give his consent to a transfer of funds from the General Reserve Fund.

Screeching Halt

Nardi's proposed youth recreation center, sponsored by the North Agawam Youth Committee, came to a screeching halt after the veteran councilor had seemingly mustered support for the project, at an estimated cost of \$4,704.

By an 8-5 ballot, the Council accepted the setting up of the new municipal account. When the Council was prepared to vote on the allocation of the funds, Councilor Paul Fieldstad said that because Caputo will not consent to the expenditure. Any Council approved transfer from the General Reserve Fund is illegal.

According to the town charter, Caputo must give his approval on money transferred from the reserve account. The charter also stipulates that department heads possess the authority to deny transfer of funds from their budgets to another account.

Ollari Asked for Ruling

Nardi's move to transfer the \$4,704 was tabled by a 12-1 vote. Town Attorney Lambert Ollari was asked for a ruling on the matter. Ollari is expected to forward his interpretation for the September 17th Council meeting.

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Elaina Bonavita, a candidate for Councilor at Large in the upcoming election, has spear-headed the movement to establish the centers.

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Ms. Bonavita, claiming that the community must "deal with its street children and provide them with worthwhile activities," addressed the legislative assembly during the Citizen's Speak Time portion of the meeting at the junior high Tuesday night.

She told the Council that approximately \$35,000 earmarked for three new policemen was "just sitting there" and that money from the Police Department's budget could fund the youth centers.

Waiting for List

Caputo later stated that because the town was still waiting for a civil service list from Boston, the community's hands had been tied in hiring new patrolmen.

Caputo contended that Ms. Bonavita and the Council's ad hoc committee have failed to supply his office with sufficient information to justify such an expenditure.

He remarked, "This project is a worthy one but we have many fine recreational programs in this community already. I have not seen enough information on the proposal to make a judgement."

Added Caputo, "Establishing this center at this time is not a good procedure to follow."

Nardi said the program, that is scaled down from an original projection of \$10,000, would run for 14 weeks at the Danahy School gym. The Precinct One Councilor told his colleagues that through private contributions and additional volunteer help, the program would better establish itself during its initial 14 week period.



Fred Nardi, Precinct One's veteran Councilor, says \$4,704 is all that's needed to establish a youth recreation center at Danahy School.

Lengthy Statement

Ms. Bonavita, in a lengthy statement to the Council that resulted in heated words with Council President Richard Theroux, who asked the at-large candidate to limit her presentation, said the youth center would operate from September to December.

"This could be such a good thing for the community. One building is all that is necessary to encompass the whole community," she explained.

The vote to establish the new fund came as a surprise because at a Council work session on August 27th, Councilors present voiced overwhelming dissent to the proposal.

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Senior Center Wright St., Agawam

SR. CENTER MENU

9/10: Chicken croquettes, mixed vegetables, banana cake
9/11: Manicotti, lettuce, pie
9/12: Ham, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, applesauce
9/13: Lamb patties, Spanish rice, broccoli, jello
9/14: Batterfry fish, zucchini, potato puffs, ice cream

9/17: Pork roast, creamed potatoes, carrots, apple crisp
9/18: Quiche Lorraine, bean salad, pudding
9/19: Beef stew, noodles, lettuce, cake
9/20: Fresh green pea soup w/weiners, Portuguese rolls, custard
9/21: Tunaload, red beet salad, cookies

We are planning to start our exercise class again on Monday mornings. We have a new teacher, Mrs. Viola Smith, who has a lot of experience doing exercises with Seniors. Please sign up as soon as possible so we will know whether we have a full class. Classes will start October 1st.

We also hope to start the square dancing group again on the same day. Here, too, we will only contract with the caller if we have a big enough group. We have to know soon, otherwise it will be impossible to get a caller. Please contact either Dorothy or Margarete.

September 12, 1979, right after lunch, we will have a speaker for our colon cancer detection clinic. This is a new and very important (painless) test. If you are interested, please come in that day and then sign up for your kit. We cannot order kits unless people have signed for them. Early cancer detection can save a life, so don't miss this clinic.

October 18th we have a trip to Restland Farms. A sumptuous lunch and an afternoon of excellent entertainment can be yours for only \$11.50 which naturally includes transportation.

School Lunch Menus

AGAWAM LUNCH MENU

Friday, Sept. 7: Chilled fruit juice, tuna & cheese boat, pickle chips, buttered kernel corn, ice cream sandwich, milk.

Monday, Sept. 10: Grilled cheese sandwich, buttered mix vegetables, 1/2 peanut butter sandwich for seconds, chilled apple sauce, milk.

Jr. and Sr. High will have Toasted Bologna & Cheese Sandwich in Roll

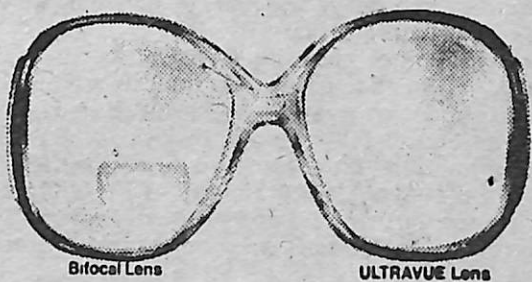
Tuesday, Sept. 11: Chilled fruit juice, hamburger in roll, steamed butter rice, with green peas garnish, diced carrots, mustard, relish, ketchup, chocolate cake w/vanilla icing, milk.

Wednesday, Sept. 12: Steamed frankfort in roll, mustard & relish, oven baked beans, french fries, ketchup, chilled peaches in syrup, milk.

Thursday, Sept. 13: Hamburg gravy on mashed potatoes, buttered sweet peas, whole wheat bread and butter, sweet potato cake w/vanilla icing, milk.

Friday, Sept. 14: Cod fish kabobs w/tartar sauce or ketchup, oven french fries, creamy cabbage & carrot salad, ice cream cup, milk.

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Having a ball.
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That they never fall.

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I really don't know.
Do they freeze in the
winter,
Or play in the snow?

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Councilors John McNamara, Donald Ladizinski, Robert Deforge, Stephen Cincotta, William Herd, Paul Paleologopoulos, and Kenneth Barnes concurred with Nardi's motion. Dissenting councilors included Paul Fieldstad, Dennis Roberts, Alfred Serra, Francis Colli and John Bartnik.

Cut Parks Budget

Fieldstad pointed out that the Council had cut the Parks Department program for fiscal 1980, which replaced an added burden on the Agawam Athletic Association.

Ladizinski calculated that the project could cost approximately \$18,000 if it was continued over three additional 14 week periods. "This program has the potential to mushroom. The cost is very evident," he said prior to the vote.

No CETA Help

According to Town Clerk Edward Caba, employees of the Comprehensive Training Act, proposed by Bonavita to help operate the program, will not be available to the town.

"The CETA program is being geared down and the town will be losing CETA employees from other departments," Caba related. Ms. Bonavita had previously said CETA workers would help administrative costs to remain minimal.

The plan calls for the Council to supply funds for a director and custodial services. Although Peirce School had been mentioned in the proposal, Ms. Bonavita referred only to Danahy School in North Agawam.

Below is a list of members of the Agawam Town Council, their addresses and their telephone numbers. This list is published as a public service by this newspaper for use by the citizens of Agawam.

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Robert Deforge	786-0204	63 Clematis Rd.
Stephen Cincotta	786-2772	72 Joanne Circle
Floyd L. Landers	786-2964	907 North St.
PRECINCT MEMBERS		
<i>Precinct 1</i>		
Francis A. Colli	786-4796	128 Maple St.
Frederick Nardi	786-6068	575 North St.
<i>Precinct 2</i>		
William B. Herd, Jr.	786-3626	19 Clover Hill Dr.
John McNamara, Jr.	786-2008	5 Elmar Dr.
<i>Precinct 3</i>		
John F. Bartnik	786-5782	45 Sequoia D.
Kenneth J. Barnes	786-1946	22 Wrenwood Lane
<i>Precinct 4</i>		
Alfred L. Serra	786-1494	61 Valentine Ter.
Richard M. Theroux	786-2526	30 Ley St.
<i>Precinct 5</i>		
Donald Laduzinski	786-1259	14 Plantation Dr.
Paul Paleologopoulos	786-6825	1411 Main St.
<i>Precinct 6</i>		
Paul M. Fieldstad	786-6830	7 Oxford St.
Dennis M. Roberts	786-4231	61 Arbor Lane



Ruth Zucco, Agawam Cancer Crusade Chairperson, presents citation to Sheriff Michael Ashe in appreciation for the money he and his men helped raise for the Cancer Crusade by playing softball against the Agawam Police Department recently. The results of the game were not available.



This sunflower tree(???) can be seen growing in front of Dick Kellogg's house on North Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Gallano Willing to Explain Ballot Choices to Organizations

Mr. Andrew Gallano, chairman of the Agawam Charter Commission is making himself available to civic organizations in town whose members would like further information on the charter questions which will appear on the November 6th ballot.

Gallano said he will gladly appear before such groups to explain the differences in the choices between the town manager-council and mayor-council forms of government as they will appear on the election ballot.

Anyone wishing further information may contact Mr. Gallano at his home by calling 786-8078.

Copies of photos appearing in this issue may be obtained by calling Jack Devine at 789-0053.

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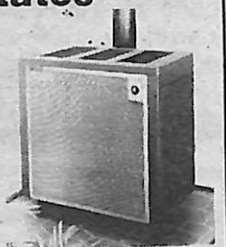
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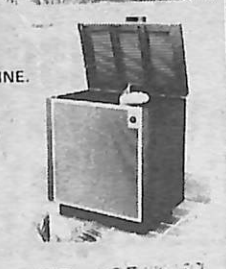


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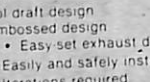


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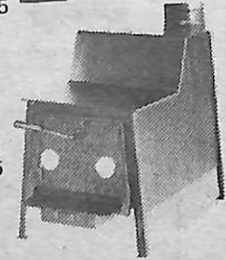
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Garden Club To Hold Flower Show

The Agawam Garden Club will hold its annual Flower Show on Tuesday evening, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House. The public is invited to enter.

Public judging will begin at 7:30 p.m. sharp! Ribbons and prizes will be given to all winners.

Categories for this year's show include the following: Children's categories: 12 years and under - Design of flowers or leaves, fresh or dried and Potted plant grown by child; Adult categories: Design of fresh flowers; Design of natural dried materials; Miniature design 6 inches and under only; Potted plant grown by exhibitor; Design of garden vegetables grown by exhibitor; Potpourri.

All entries must be original. Arrangements and/or potted plants entered in previous shows will not be accepted. Door prizes for children and adults and refreshments will follow the end of the show.

Retreat League Communion Breakfast Slated

The Marian Retreat League will hold its annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, September 9th, at the new Holyoke Elks Hall on Lower Westfield Road.

Preceding the breakfast, mass will be celebrated at Holy Cross Church, Holyoke, at 10:15 a.m. Speaker at the breakfast will be Madeleine Lynch, social worker for the State of Delaware Department of Mental Health.

The Marian Retreat League is an affiliate of Marian Center. The purpose of the league is to promote the making of retreats and to assist the Marian Center in a variety of ways. Margaret Coffey of Westfield is league president.

Volunteers Sought

The next training program for Juvenile Court volunteers will be starting soon. If you are interested in working with youthful offenders or children in need of service, call Cathy Condon at the Youth Development Program 732-9354.

Agawam Jr. Women's Club Tag Sale

On September 15, the Agawam Junior Women's Club will sponsor a Tag Sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1496 Main Street, Agawam (corner South St.).

The proceeds from this sale will enable the Juniors to continue their support of numerous philanthropic causes including CARE, the American Cancer Society, and our own Span Center, Town Library, and school system.

Anyone wishing to donate individual items or "leftovers" from personal tag sales, please contact Mrs. Barbara O'Connor at 786-6772.

"It's A Small World" Theme of Fund Raiser

"It's a Small World" will be the theme of Our Lady of Providence Children's Center annual fund raising event of Saturday, September 22, at Mount Marie in Holyoke. The theme relates to the International Year of the Child, 1979.

Proceeds will help support the Center's many programs for children and their families, including residential treatment, foster and day care, counseling, referral and diagnostic services. Our Lady of Providence Children's Center was known as Brightside until 10 years ago.

According to Mary K. Griffen of Longmeadow, president of the Center's board of trustees, the evening affair will begin with a social hour followed by dinner and dancing. Planned guests include Bishop Joseph F. Maguire of Springfield and retired Bishop Christopher J. Weldon. Gala decorations and a strolling violinist outdoors will highlight the event.

For reservation information contact the DellaLuna Associates at 262 Elm Street in West Springfield, telephone (413)788-6181.

Girl Scouts Will Aid At Big E

Girl Scouts and adult volunteers from the Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council will be helping to insure that children don't get lost on the crowded fairgrounds at this year's Big E by affixing name tags to children 5 years and under as they enter the gates.

The scouts will be on hand at the fair every day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at gates 4, 7, 9A and 9B.

According to Carol Widmer, volunteer coordinator for the Pioneer Valley Council, over 250 volunteers will be on hand throughout the Fair to make sure that any wandering children are safely returned to their parents.

The Big E, largest fair in the East, runs this year from September 12 to 23.

PTO To Sponsor Welcome Tea

On Thursday, September 13, at 10 a.m., the Robinson Park School PTO will sponsor a Welcome Tea in honor of parents with children attending the school for the first time.

Mrs. Barbara Skolnick, principal, will officially welcome these parents, and teachers of kindergarten students as well as teachers in specialized areas will address the group and be on hand later to meet the parents. Light refreshments will be served.

All parents with children new to the school will receive an invitation through the school and are encouraged to attend this Welcome Tea.

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National Secretaries Hold First Meeting

Springfield Chapter, The National Secretaries Association (International) will hold its first meeting of the 1979/80 season on Wednesday, September 19 at the Colosseum Banquet House, West Springfield. Cocktails will be served at 5:30 P.M. followed by dinner at 6:30 P.M. President Laura S. Coppola will call the business meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Coppola will be assisted by her slate of officers: Mary E. Allard, Vice President; Mary A. Hart, CPS, Treasurer; Hope W. Mac Robbie, Recording Secretary, and Barbara E. Sheehan, CPS, Parliamentary Advisor.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Ms. Patricia Sparks Borghesan, Assistant Trust Officer of BayBank Valley Trust Company, Springfield. Ms. Borghesan is a graduate of Canisius College, Buffalo, New York and joined Valley Bank in 1977. She is a trustee of the Williams College School of Banking and a member of the Pioneer Valley Estate Planning Council, Hampden County Estate Planning Council, and Springfield Business and professional Women's Club.

Ms. Marie D. Doucette, CPS, and Corresponding Secretary of the MA, ME, HY, WI Division of NSA will present Certified Professional Secretaries certificates to Mary Dawson and Nancy Callahan, both of Springfield. This certificate is awarded to secretaries passing a stringent two-day, six part examination administered by the Institute for Certifying Secretaries and was given in May at Bay Path Jr. College.

Area secretaries interested in becoming affiliated with Springfield are invited to contact Membership Chairman Mrs. Louise Hannifin, Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, 1295 State Street, Springfield. Reservations for this meeting should be made prior to Friday, September 14 with Vice President Mary E. Allard, Albert Steiger Company, Main Street, Springfield.

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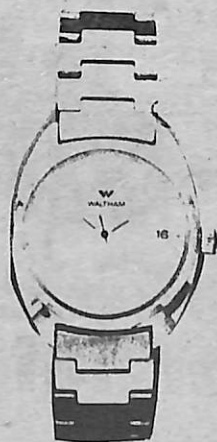
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American Bosch Awards Scholarships

Nineteen sons and daughters of employees were the recipients of college scholarships for the American Bosch Employees Scholarship Fund. Twelve girls and seven boys received \$300 grants. A total of sixteen scholarships were awarded in 1978.

Nine of this year's recipients were awarded scholarships last year, and the new grants highlight their scholastic accomplishments at college level.

Among the new recipients were two sisters, Ann and Patricia Liddell, 16 Sycamore Terrace, Agawam. Both are Agawam High graduates; Ann is a sophomore at Swain School of Design and Patricia is a sophomore at Springfield Technical Community College. The other new recipient from Agawam was Paul Graziano, 46 Pineview Circle, a graduate of Agawam High and freshman at Holyoke Community College.

Other new recipients were: Mary Ann Cavanaugh, West Springfield; Michele Chmura, Ludlow; Christopher Danos, East Longmeadow; Todd Marshall, Springfield; Kim Morris, Chicopee; Carol Nadolski, Palmer; and Pamela Nelson, Chicopee.

The previous recipients included: Nancy Boduch, Springfield; Arthur Fidalgo, Ludlow; Dennis Herchel, Chicopee; Daniel Mardeusz, Chicopee; Maria Murdza, Chicopee; Allen Richard, Chicopee; Laurie Sattler, Holyoke; Jean Seaver, Springfield; and Judith Sugermeyer, Springfield.

Funded through voluntary payroll deductions and company support, the Employee Scholarship Fund distributes annual grants to sons and daughters of participating employees who have been nominated by an independent committee of local school officials on the basis of scholastic achievements and financial need.

The Scholarship Fund is administered by a three-member board consisting of representatives from IUE Local 206 and AFTE Local 112 and Employee Relations. The Fund seeks to encourage, through direct grants, the college educations of worthy sons and daughters of employees who otherwise might have to forego such aspirations because of financial pressures.

Barr Fellowships Available

The Trustees of the Horace Smith Fund announce that new Fellowships amounting to \$10,000 in sums ordinarily not less than \$1,000 yearly will be awarded for the scholastic year 1979-80 from the Walter S. Barr Donation to residents of Hampden County who have been or are about to be graduated from college. These Fellowships are made possible by a generous donation to the Horace Smith Fund by the late Mrs. Walter S. Barr to assist students of promise to further their education. Awards are made for one year with the expectation that they will be continued annually for not more than two additional years, if such continuation is warranted.

Candidates who look forward to careers of definite social usefulness are preferred. Preference will also be given to candidates who plan to work in Hampden County on completion of their studies but all applications will be considered. The Fellowships will be awarded on the basis of the scholastic records of the candidates, of financial resources available to them and of all other pertinent information.

Application forms will be sent on request. Inquiries should be addressed the Secretary, The Horace Smith Fund, Box 3034, Springfield, Ma. 01101. Completed applications and all supporting data must be received by the Secretary on or before February 1, 1980.

Candidates are expected to take the Aptitude Test of the Graduate Record Examinations.

This is the twenty-seventh year of these Fellowship Awards under the Barr donation.

Bay Path Schedules Adult Ed. Program

Nineteen evening courses, as well as a six-session How To Start Your Own Business conference and three seminars of the Certified Professional Secretary Review Course will be offered during the fall semester of Bay Path Junior College's Adult Education Program. Most courses begin the week of September 17.

Ten-week courses include: Accounting Fundamentals, Basic Drawing from Life, Beginning Conversational Spanish I and II, Beginning Typing, Beginning and Advanced Watercolor Painting, Beginning and Advanced Woodcarving. Also, Introductory and Intermediate Photography, Proposal Writing for Federal Grants, Introductory German, and Young Children with Special Needs.

Six-week courses are Basic Math Skills, and Women in Management. Offered for five weeks are Art in Ancient Egypt, and The Psalms as English Literature. A three-session course, entitled Gravestones of Longmeadow and Beyond, will have two evening classes and a daytime workshop making rubbings.

How To Start Your Own Business, a conference co-sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration, will feature a variety of knowledgeable speakers during its six sessions. Persons may enroll for as many sessions as they wish. The CPS Review Course's fall semester will offer three of the six seminars designed to prepare the student for the Certified Professional Secretary examination given in May of next year. The other three seminars will be offered during the winter/spring semester of Bay Path's Adult Education Program.

Detailed brochures with registration forms are available from the College. Inquiries about the Program may be made to Bay Path's academic dean, Ms. Mary Louise Van Winkle. Registrations will be accepted weekdays, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Deepwood Hall. Evening registration will be held on Monday, September 10, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 212, Carr Hall.

Adoration Society Vigil

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will hold its all night vigil of the Most Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Church, Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, on Friday, September 7th. It will begin at 9 P.M. and run through Saturday, September 8th, to close with a benediction at 6 a.m.

The Rev. Joseph Flood, pastor, will open with benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Assisting Father Flood will be Louis J. Gallerani, president of the society, and George Boucher, chairman of the Sacred Heart membership.

Jewish Singles Plan Barbeque

The Jewish Singles of Western Massachusetts will have a barbeque and open meeting on Sunday, September 9th, from 1 to 6 p.m. at the home of Heidi Rosner, 1208 Northampton St., Holyoke.

If you have a good appetite and any ideas to share that would contribute to the success of your group, you are welcome to attend. Directions: from exit 17A (Holyoke) off I-91N take a left at first lights; go straight on Northampton St. about ¾ mile.

Also, the Jewish Singles are sponsoring a logo contest to find an original symbol to represent the group. Use your creative and artistic talents possibly to win gift certificates to the Showcase Cinema and Friendly's. Send your entry by October 1st to Logo Contest, c/o the Jewish Community Center, 1160 Dickinson St., Springfield, MA 01108.

Future events planned by the group include a dance with the Hartford Single Young Professionals on September 15 and a camping trip in October.

For additional information, call Heidi Rosner at 533-9400, Janis Rothstein at 567-5795, or David Rudman at 734-7811.

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Beautification Committee Seeks Aid

The Agawam Beautification Committee has worked long hours to improve many areas in our town. Much more work is needed.

O'Brien's Corner and lower Federal Hill where it meets Main Street are two areas slated for work next season. An historical plaque was stolen from lower Federal Street last year, and the committee would like to have it replaced.

The funds allotted to the Beautification Committee are limited, but their work goes on. The financial help of local businessmen has aided greatly, but more funds are necessary to continue with their efforts.

Anyone wishing to assist with these efforts should contact Mrs. Charlotte Haynes of 637 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, for more information.

AARP Will Meet

The West Springfield Chapter of the AARP 1498 will meet Thursday, September 20th, at the Municipal Office Building auditorium at 1:30 p.m. for the first meeting of the fall season.

After the business meeting, Ed Daley and his Melody Boys from the Golden Age Club in Springfield will entertain. They are a fine group of singers who are well-known in the Springfield area.

Robert L. Rheault, president of the Financial Cybernetics, Inc., will address the group on financial planning for retired people also. Refreshments will be served and guests are welcome from all the surrounding towns.

Nan Carter and Dorothy Kjoller serve on the Membership Committee. Dues may be paid to our treasurer, Eleanor Price. A large crowd is expected.

Swingles To Hold Dance

The Swingles Square Dance Club will hold a free Fun Nite to introduce single adults to square dancing at 7:30 Wednesday evening, September 12, 19, or 26.

It will be held in the parish hall, Church of the Good Shepherd, Elm Street, West Springfield.

You are cordially invited to join them for a free evening of fun. Wednesday, September 12, 19, or 26, at 7:30 p.m.

Troop 75 Car Wash-Bake Sale

Troop 75 of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, will sponsor a car wash and bake sale on Saturday, September 8th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Sacred Heart Parish Center, Springfield Street. Proceeds will be used to benefit the boy scout troop.

Beautification Committee Continues Efforts



The Anne Sullivan Memorial is flanked by a half circle planting with a burst of spring bulbs followed by a planting of red and white petunias contrasted with white alyssum as a border edge. It is a friendly greeting to all who pass through Feeding Hills Center.

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At the corner of Main and Suffield Streets, people entering Agawam from the Agawam-West Springfield bridge are greeted by mass plantings of red and white petunias with a background of evergreen shrubs. The triangle bed is edged with white alyssum and yellow marigolds making an eye catching display.

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ty of "jobbing" the ambulance service out to a private company.

With the provision that the Town would supply the ambulance and related equipment and the private company would supply fully-trained personnel to man it, the least expensive figure Caputo could cite was \$6,000 per month.

"Let's face it," he said. "If we want this kind of excellent ambulance service - and the service we have is very good - we're going to have to pay for it, either with our own Fire Department or with a private company."

It was later pointed out that town firefighters who man the ambulance also fight fires if there is no call for ambulance duty.

Also pointed out was the fact that the men presently training to become EMT's have finished the necessary courses and need only pass the national test to be ready for duty. The additional EMT's will considerably reduce the need to call men in for overtime work.

Caputo continued his outline of the problem by explaining that the three firefighters hired as "floaters" to replace any men out sick or on vacation are being used to fill in the gaps, but the long-range sick leave and heavy vacation schedules are playing havoc with manpower.

Proposed Solutions

In an attempt to curtail the amount of overtime within the Fire Department, Caputo has recommended, effective immediately, that several officers return to active firefighting line duty as demands call for it. These officers are the fire inspector, the fire mechanic, and the drill instructor.

For an interim period until the overtime problem is resolved, the fire chief and deputy chief will also go on line duty if required by depleted manpower.

Caputo admitted that the Town may have to face union grievances filed for breach of contract for putting the officers back on the line, but he stated he'd rather face the grievance than pay the overtime.

He also suggested a serious study be undertaken to investigate the possibility of organizing a three-member Fire Commission. This commission would be responsible for constantly monitoring the firefighters contract and the administration of the department.

Councilors Disagree With Caputo

Councilor Paul Fieldstad challenged Caputo by saying, "Why wasn't some of this anticipated?" He went on to say that the closing of the fire station was supposed to take care of all this, but now the Town finds itself with the fire overtime account down to \$33.75 since July 1st. "I think administratively someone is not doing what should be done," Fieldstad charged.

Councilor Francis Colli retorted that "No one can control overtime with a minimum manpower clause to deal with." He suggested to Caputo that he had been instructed not to allow that clause back into the contract.

Councilor Frederick Nardi disagreed with Colli. He said, "That's not so. Attorney Posnik was negotiating with the firefighters and said that some give and take would be necessary."

Vote Results In Question

A vote taken on the motion resulted 9 in favor, 4 opposed, and two absent. Councilors Bartnik, Fieldstad, Laduzinski, and Paleologopoulos voted in the negative. Councilors Landers and Theroux were absent.

Councilor Colli, who was acting as chairman in Theroux' absence, was of the opinion that a two-thirds majority of the council was required to pass the motion. With the 9-4-2 vote, Colli termed the motion defeated.

Councilor Kenneth Barnes challenged this decision stating his belief that a simple majority was all that was required.

Town Attorney Lambert Ollari was directed to research the question and return with an answer for the next meeting.

Thus, the confusion regarding overtime in the Fire Department continues until a decision can be reached on the number needed to pass the motion.

YWCA To Offer Human Relations Series

Two 8-week series on human relations - Assertiveness Training For Women and Interpersonal Communication - are being offered by the Springfield YWCA, 26 Howard Street. Ms. Bette Taylor, a human relations consultant, will facilitate. The direction of each series will be planned by Ms. Taylor at the first session, as each participant expresses what she is looking for.

Assertiveness Training will be held on Tuesdays, September 25 - November 13, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Pre-registration is necessary by calling Marcia Willis at the YWCA 732-3121.

Assertiveness Training explores some of the following questions: What is the difference between being assertive and standing up for ourselves and being aggressive? If a woman has been taught to be passive, is it possible to change the behavior both at home and at work? What will be the consequences?

Interpersonal Communication is how to listen, how to be heard, and how to become more effective in relating to people. Methods of communication, verbal, non-verbal, and symbolic, will be discussed as well as styles of communication, listening skills, and how to get feedback from others.

Ms. Taylor is the Director of Bette Taylor Associates, a firm of human relations consultants, and has had experience working in business and industry as well as educational and community organizations. She has facilitated classes at the YWCA for four years. Ms. Taylor received a M.Ed. in Community Leadership and Development-Group Work from Springfield College, and a BA in Change Education from the University of Massachusetts. She is also a certified trainer from Springfield College, and Trainer of Trainers from the Springfield Human Development Center.

The YWCA is a United Way agency.

Home Information Center Offers Courses

Registrations are now being taken at the Home Information Center, 20 Baldwin Street, East Longmeadow, for fall classes. Classes are open to all adults and teenagers of Hampden County. The following classes are being offered: Slipcovers, Draperies, Silk Lampshades, Lampshades of Pressed Flowers, Peirced & Schupured Lampshades, Smocking, Quilting, Knitting, Crocheting, Crewel Embroidery, Advanced Crewel Embroidery, Needlepoint, Tole Painting, Reseating, Furniture Refinishing, Crewel & Needlepoint Workshop, Knitting & Crochet Workshop, Floral Decorations, Christmas Centerpiece, Weaving, Off-Loom Weaving, Macrame, Art & Painting, Sewing, Tailoring, Rug Hooking, Braiding of Rugs & Accessories, Braiding Workshop, Shirret Rugs, Vestamayd Rugs, Vestamayd Workshop, Stenciling, Silver Jewelry, Leaded Stained Glass, Easy Weave (Wicker Look), Bump Chenille Novelties, Counted Cross Stitch With Peg Lunt, and Machine Clinic.

Many samples of the work that will be done in these classes are on display at the Center. Registrations must be made in advance by calling 525-3119 or visiting the Center from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Buxton To Act As United Way Pacesetter

Twelve area employers and their employees have agreed to lead the way for the 1979 United Way Pioneer Valley Campaign by serving as 1979 United Way Pacesetters, according to Cornelius D. Harrington, 1979 Pacesetter chairman and president of Third National Bank of Hampden County.

Among those employers who have accepted this challenge are Buxton, Inc.; Central Chevrolet, Inc.; F. L. Roberts and Company, Inc.; Fountain Plating Co., Inc.; General Offset Printing Co., Inc.; and H.P. Hood, Inc. Other Pacesetters include: Longview Fibre Company, General Fibre Box Division; Marriott Hotel; Mass. Wholesale Drug Company; Noble Hospital; Oxford Precision, Inc.; and Third National Bank of Hampden County.

Harrington said, "I would like to thank our Pacesetters for accepting the challenge to demonstrate once again that given a chance to see our United Way in action, employee groups will provide fair share support for member agency programs."

The Pacesetter program has been successful since its inception seven years ago", continued Harrington, "because it incorporates all the essentials necessary to conduct a United Way campaign effectively within each participating company. These elements include, an endorsement by corporate leadership; thorough solicitor training, which includes agency tours, information sessions and an opportunity to preview the 1979 campaign film; a Come and See Tour for employees; and in-plant rally; face to face employee solicitation and an annual review of the company's corporate support to the United Way of Pioneer Valley by management".

"Given a chance to see and understand the United Way of Pioneer Valley in action, people will support our 1979 effort because they are able to see what their annual gift does For All of Us," commented Harrington.

"Our Pacesetters campaign provides management and employees with an excellent opportunity to work together for their community's well being", continued Harrington. "Together they can take pride in the fact that their effort will set the pace for the major campaign which begins on Monday, October 1 and concludes on Thursday, November 8, 1979."

In conclusion the Pacesetter chairman said, "Our 1979 United Way success will be assured if all other area companies follow the lead of our 1979 Pacesetters by including all the components of a properly executed United Way campaign in the United Way program this year. Our Pacesetters formula has a proven record of success."



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VIEWPOINT

by Ric Sardella



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

It is unfortunate that President Carter was not visiting Agawam last week. After having given numerous speeches at town halls throughout the nation and after having extolled the virtues of small-town America, Mr. Carter might have found disappointing the priceless example of small-town democracy (or at least small-town politics) displayed during the Caputo "college degree" controversy.

In a classic exercise of Jeffersonian democracy, the Agawam Town Council, in a session closed to the interested citizenry of that town, gave Town Manager Peter Caputo a unanimous vote of confidence. In a performance deserving of the "You Can Fool Some Of The People All Of The Time" Award, the Council determined that Mr. Caputo, who sent a few Army course credits (some yet unverified) and something called "life experience" (yet undefined) to an unknown "college" for a degree in the mail, made an unknowing human error.

Having earned a couple of degrees myself, I cannot help but feel that Mr. Caputo and the Agawam Town Council are asking the reasonable voters of that town to overtax their imaginations. If there is any human error of unknowing or negligent nature involved here, it is probably that of the Town Council in attempting to sell their rather incredible findings to the public. In my opinion, anyone who sends \$25 or \$50 (along with the appropriate boxtops) to an unknown "college" for a diploma, knows exactly what they're getting. Any parent with a college-aged child knows the true price of a college diploma. For one to use such a mail-order diploma, and other somewhat overstated educational qualifications, to form the basis for a job resume, is a practice that only a politician could get away with. Yet, it is possible that the Council's explanation is correct. Perhaps it was, as the Council states, a case of simple human error. If so, can the voters of Agawam afford to feel relieved? If Mr. Caputo is so naive that he does not realize how much more difficult it is to obtain a bona fide college degree than it is to buy one through the mail, how competent can he be to act as Town Manager? Who knows? Maybe the Town Council is trying to say that the position of Town Manager does not require either a college degree or a realistic sense of how one is obtained. Better yet, it maybe that the Town of Agawam will be the first town in America to codify the "Peter Principle."

R.J. Sheehan
Newington, Conn.
(A former Agawam resident)

To The Editor:

It comes to my attention at this time that soon a decision will be made by the State Racing Commission whether Agawam will have a Race Track in operation shortly. Being a business man in the Town of Agawam over the past 30 years I have watched the town grow from the Town Meeting hall to the present type. I have also watched all the participating people go in and out of office and noted what their ultimate aim was.

I believe that we should have the race track in Agawam because:

1. Over the years it has cost the town money for Police and Fire protection for the airplane enthusiasts who do not pay any direct taxes to the Town of Agawam.

2. The building there is rapidly deteriorating to the point that it is becoming dangerous and unfit to work out of as admitted by a tenant who rents there and spoke at the last town meeting.

3. This town has 400 good acres of land abutting Suffield St. which was zoned for that purpose. At this point the WMECO has purchased most of the property and I am sure they will be willing to sell it off if proper approaches were made. Also there is a tract there with 144 acres for sale with many other adjacent properties for sale along the same tract.

4. It is beyond my comprehension to believe that the Federal Government, (whom by the way is us) is going to give the Town almost 1 million dollars to purchase the property and then in some manner, shape or form is going to almost give it away to induce business to come to town. In other word the Town is going to compete with other tax payers who are trying to sell they're land because the taxes on it are too high. Before statements like that are made I think the individual should show his credentials and authority from which he bases his suppositions on instead of throwing out a lot of "if we do this and if we do that" sort of stabbing in the dark to delay a very important decision which would lower our taxes.

This town has had a lot of blue ribbon committee's in

School Committee Fails Responsibility

The members of the School Committee have neglected a responsibility—they have neglected to select a new superintendent of schools in a professional manner.

Walked Out

Oh sure, the school system possesses a new superintendent, but he was chosen without a full compliment of the board. Board members Walter Balboni, Thomas Ennis, and Joseph Napolitan walked out of the August 28th executive session under the impression that such a vote would be held at a later date. But a 4-0 ballot was the outcome, nevertheless.

Chairman Richard Borgatti contends that the three were aware that a vote could be taken at the session. Who is right? No matter.

What does matter is that the selection process, like so many other issues before this present committee, has become clouded in a maze of personality conflicts and bickering. That is a sad commentary.

The four million dollar high school renovation project and the Max-Ed program stood as the most outstanding examples of the gaping rift among the seven elected officials, until now.

The bitterness over Mr. Hebert's hiring perhaps, dare I use an old cliché, was the straw that broke the camel's back.

Squabbling Process

From the outset, committee members squabbled over the procedure in which the replacement for Dr. Ernest Cannava would be selected.

Because talented local candidates were vying for the post, the process became further complicated. In fact, unfair and unnecessary pressure was shouldered by local candidates, especially Acting Superintendent of Schools, James Bruno.

Mr. Bruno, a fine administrator and individual, got caught in a whirlwind of politics. He was Agawam's top candidate for the job and his every move as Cannava's interim replacement was under close scrutiny.

Insiders claim it was from this scrutiny that Mr. Bruno lost the inside track on the school department's top spot.

Been Through it Before

School Board members, mainly a veteran lot that have been through this procedure before, have served the community well over the years—so well in fact the electorate saw fit to keep them in office.

Unfortunately, the present board has not served the best interests of the school system or Agawam, especially in recent months.

Come to Climax

The entire two years of fighting will undoubtedly come to a climax soon. Mr. Balboni is sponsoring a motion on September 11 to rescind the August 28th vote. He feels the motion was unethical since neither he nor Mr. Ennis, nor Mr. Balboni were present.

Selecting a leader for the school system is to crucial an issue for the committee to take arms on the Balboni motion.

A full compliment of the board is appropriate for such a decision—indeed, it's only the proper thing to do.

After the motion however, I would hope the committee would forgo the political maneuvering and hire a superintendent as soon as possible—it's not fair to the school system to delay any longer in fulfilling a responsibility that has dragged for months.

Plenty of Time

If committee members wish to bally-hoo and politic, there will be plenty of time to do so in their re-election campaigns.

What the school system and community need September 11th, or very soon after, is a new director to guide its course.

the past 30 years with no real positive results. I was on one of them for 5 years. With the strict zoning laws we have in town and the difficult codes we have to contend with in this time its no wonder we can not get business in town.

What this town needs to accomplish the task of bringing in business to town is a paid consultant.

I believe we have a silent majority in town as shown by recent ballot, (which really should be taken into consideration and priority on decision making.)

This town of 28,000 people should not be run by a small faction that are trying to drive business out of town.

And also led wrongly on the council by an inexperienced, fast talking, wishful dreamer.

There is a gold nugget in our yard and its like a hot potato and the council doesn't know how to handle it.

With inflation going rampant we should help in every way to do all we can to lower TAXES.

I am sure if there was another ballot in town you will find the silent majority replies at the proper time as shown in the past.

Also it will allow those who enjoy the sport of racing to fight the energy crisis and save gas by not having to drive many miles and also bring their trade to local establishments.

"Doubly Concerned Citizen"

Racing Approval Would Circumvent Home Rule

Rumors abound that the upcoming decision by the State Racing Commission will award the green light to Pioneer Valley Raceway Inc. to turn the Bowles Airport parcel into a thriving para-mutual enterprise.

Situation Unfortunate

And if this is the case, then its quite unfortunate. It's unfortunate not only for the clear cut majority of local residents who oppose the raceway—but it's unfortunate because such a decision purges a very precious tool of cities and towns—home rule.

No matter how one tries to explain it, a decision favoring Pioneer Valley Raceway circumvents local home rule.

The legal argument presented by John O'Neill, president of the racing firm, states that because Agawam allowed para-mutual racing in the 1930's, site approval was granted. That fact becomes the racing commission's most crucial factor when deciding whether or not to grant a racing license. Without prior site approval, they are powerless.

Must Have Been Approved

Regardless of the fact that no documents in town archives can back that claim, it apparently can be used as a legitimate reason for approval. And everyone in town knows full well that our town fathers must have granted site approval at some point in the '30's.

The racing commission also will be basing their decision on a 1977 Hampden County referendum that said 'yes' to racing after all votes had been tallied. Agawam, as other Hampden County towns, supported that ill-fated question. And now Agawam, Westfield and Southwick residents are battling proposed para-mutual racing in their communities. What we would give to get those votes back.

Use As A Wedge

From the 1930 site approval and a Hampden County referendum therefore, the racing commission will draw its wedge to push through racing in Agawam.

What other reasons could they use? The benefits to the town are nil compared to the heartache it would create. Litter, traffic jams, water and sewage problems, increased municipal outlays, will eventually result. O'Neill's outfit has presented no concrete evidence or plan to prove otherwise.

The major theme to the entire affair rests in the will of the local population. Agawam is against the track. The reasons for the town's opposition becomes second fiddle to the theme that we, as residents of Agawam, are against the track, even if it means opening King Solomon's mines to the town's treasury, as claimed by track proponents.

Unique Usurpation

Don't let anyone fool you. This is usurpation of home rule, vintage style. Politicians and lawyers may say otherwise, but what else could it be if the majority of Agawam, backed its entire brigade of elected representatives, local and state, are opposed to it? What else is it?

The men from Boston should consider that when facing a civil suit, and perhaps, legislative action.

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by Atty. Rene Thomas

Two common questions asked of me by persons thinking of selling their homes are: (1) Do I need a real estate broker to sell my home or can I do it myself? and (2) Is the fee charged by a real estate broker fixed by law?

The need for a real estate broker depends upon the kind of person you are. If you are not timid and can talk to prospective buyers and have the time to show your house, then you probably can sell your house yourself. Any help needed to prepare necessary forms such as the Purchase and Sale Agreement can be obtained from an attorney and since you will need an attorney to represent you at the closing, he/she can assist you with all the legal paperwork. You can save thousands of dollars in commissions if you do sell on your own.

Should you decide that you would rather have a real estate broker sell your home, the fee for the broker's services is not fixed by law and is negotiable. The current rate charged for selling residential property is six or seven percent of the selling price. The seller normally pays the broker's fee.

In summary, many people do sell their homes by themselves and pocket the savings; a broker's rate of commission is not fixed by law so shop around should you decide to sell thru a broker.

Agawam Class of '69 Announces Reunion

On October 27, Agawam High School's 1969 graduating class will hold its 10 year reunion dinner dance.

The evening will feature a social hour at seven, dinner at eight and dancing from nine till one.

The reunion committee has had difficulty locating the following class members: Rick Aramburn, Barry Baldwin, Diane Baker, Diana Corbin, Michaeline Dalton, Theresa Everest, Bill Foley, Barbara George, Robert Gosselin, Robert Juliano, Donald Lederer, Linda Mabrey, Thomas Mayfield, Henry Meade, Bonnie Millar, Lucille Moccio, Nancy Osolinski, Cheryl Pomeroy, Shirley Ross, Bobby Quinn and Theresa Trimboli.

If anyone knows the address of any of the aforementioned people they are asked to call one of these numbers: 786-5806, 786-9425, or 567-1129.

Public Hearing Scheduled On Gas Rate Hike Request

A public hearing on the request by Bay State Gas for a \$6.5 million rate hike will be held by the Department of Public Utilities on Tuesday, September 11, at 7 p.m. in the Springfield City Hall. The current rate hike request is in addition to the recent 25% increase due to increases in the "cost of gas adjustment" charge.

Springfield Fair Share urges all Bay State Gas customers and interested citizens to attend the hearing, which is being held at Fair Share's request. Fair Share will provide rides to and from the hearing for anyone who needs one.

For more information, call Fair Share at 781-4110.

Pack 78 Car Wash Slated

Cub Scout Pack 78 of the Polish American Club is sponsoring a car wash to benefit the Pack on Saturday, September 8, 1979. The car wash, which will be accompanied by a bake sale, will be held on the Polish American Club's grounds on Southwick Street from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost of the car wash will be 99 cents. Please come out and support the scouts.

CPAs on Living with Inflation First Step is Learning

Is there nothing the ordinary family can do about inflation, short of moving into a cave with a year's supply of turnips? Certified public accountants, who help companies, state and local governments and other organizations deal with the problem, say there are remedial actions families, too, can take.

In a series of five articles, beginning today, members of the Massachusetts Society of CPAs share some of their insights and offer dollar-guarding suggestions for what is known in corporate circles as "cost containment" but might be termed simply "living with inflation."

The series will take up the effects of spiraling prices on a family's purchases, rentals, borrowing practices, home ownership plans, investments, savings and hopes for the future, and offer ways to counter those effects.

Not everyone is hit by inflation in the same way nor to the same extent, the CPAs say. Persons on fixed incomes suffer the most, while those whose wages or prices are keyed to inflation may be affected hardly at all. To cope with your own particular problem you should know just what the problem is—how your income and purchasing power are uniquely squeezed.

The government's Consumer Price Index (CPI) for urban families is some help, but only some. It divides the cost of living into seven categories and assigns a weight to each category, based on the percentage of total spending the average family devotes to each.

For the average family: housing, 44 percent, food, 19 percent, transportation, 18 percent, apparel, 6 percent, entertainment, 4 percent, other goods and services, 4 percent.

(The "other" omits savings, investments, gifts, mortgage amortization, pension contributions and any other costs that might be expected to bring eventual returns and in that sense do not constitute spending. The biggest "other" expenditures are for education, toiletries and tobacco.)

The CPI also breaks down the overall inflation rate to show how much each category has swollen, relative to prices that prevailed in 1967, the base year. Below we see where the cost factors stood at the start of this year, with 1967 prices representing 100: housing, 228, food, 214, transportation, 193, apparel, 162, health care, 228, entertainment, 181, other goods and services, 189, average, 203. This means the average family last year spent \$203 for goods and services that cost \$100 in 1967. But if your spending percentages differ from the average family's, being concentrated, perhaps, in areas that have risen more, or less, than the average, the government's CPI doesn't show accurately how inflation has hit you.

To learn that, compare your expenditures with those of the average family, determining what percentages of your total spending you devote to each type of goods and services, then multiply the result by the Cost of Living Index for that category. The accompanying form should be helpful.

By comparing your personal inflation index with the average national end-of-1978 CPI of 203 you can see if you are suffering more of less from inflation than the average family. And a comparison of your percentage allocations to those of the average family will probably tell you why you are faring better or worse.

Such comparisons should be helpful in your personal financial planning, pointing to areas where spending might be reduced to lessen inflation's effects, according to the CPAs.

Candidates For Town Offices

Positions to be filled in the upcoming election to be held this fall are the 15 seats on the Town Council and the seven on the School Committee.

The following is a list of those candidates who have filed papers to run for the various seats.

Precinct 1

Francis Colli, 128 Maple Street; Frederick Nardi, 575 North Street; and Joseph Rolland, 33 Norman Terrace, Apt. 37.

Precinct 2

William Herd, 19 Clover Hill Drive; Walter Kerr, 825 North West Street; John McNamara, 5 Elmar Drive.

Precinct 3

Kenneth Barnes, 22 Wrenwood Lane; John Bartnik, 45 Sequoia Drive; Donald Rheault, 536 Mill Street; and John Shaughnessy, Cecile Street.

Precinct 4

Tom Coppola, 350 Meadow Street; Alfred Serra, 61 Valentine Terrace; and Richard Theroux, 30 Ley Street.

Precinct 5

Donald Laduzenski, 14 Plantation Drive; Paul Paleologopoulos, 1411 Main Street; Rene Thomas, 417 River Road.

Precinct 6

Paul Fieldstad, 6 Oxford Street; Benjamin Lockhart 870 Main Street; and Alfred Trehey, 30 Ridge Ave.

At Large

Elaina Bonavita, 84 Walnut Street; Lucien Breault, 1068 Main Street; Dominic Candido, 40 Ley Street; Stephen Cincotta, 72 Joanne Circle; Robert DeForge, 63 Clematis Road; Michael DiPietro, 47 Bridge Street; Valentine Moreno, 15 Florida Drive; Michael Shibley, 250 James Street.

School Committee

Walter Balboni, 188 Walnut Street; Richard Borgatti, 179 Franklin Street; Jon Bressen, 213 North Westfield Street; Roberta Doering, 919 River Road; Thomas Ennis, 76 Arnold Street; Jessie Fuller, 61 Peros Drive; Rosemary Sandlin, Granger Drive; Veneta Snyder, 10 Strawberry Hill; Michael Thomas, 35 Cecile Street; and Chester Zymroz, 118 Meadowbrook Street.

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Sports

Brownies Looking Good In Pre-Season

For the most part, Jack Michalek and his staff were impressed. Sixty-two warriors entered into the first day of football practice August 27th, many of whom were in good condition. Apparently, the summer long drills the kids had conducted had paid dividends.

"I would have to say that the majority of the ballclub came to us in relatively good shape and that really helped," offered Michalek, Agawam High's second year varsity coach. "When the kids get into quick condition, then we can immediately get into our offensive and defensive sets."

But perhaps the most noticeable change in this year's pre-game conditioning session is the players' attitude. A year ago, uncertainty hovered over the training camp. Michalek came to the job with a winning reputation and a creature called veer offense, a fancy ball-handling ground attack that led his former charges, the Cathedral Panthers, out of obscurity and into the AA Conference limelight.

Michalek found similar circumstances in Brownieland—a long list of losing trails and many victory starved followers. He remarked from the outset that things would change.

Change They Did

After a grueling and cumbersome pre-season slate, the once wary squad slowly and surely learned the veer and what explosiveness it held if operated properly. Sure, there were fumbles and muffed plays. But the Brownies discovered an important fact as the season progressed; it's more fun to win than to lose.

That was 1978. The fifty-seven helmeted legionnaires still with the club knew what to expect this time around. The Phelps School drill field reflects an air of confidence, a feeling that the upcoming season holds good things to show for their labors.

Agawam's first scrimmage with East Longmeadow, a long established Suburban League power, was a virtual clinic for the Brownies. They moved the ball up and down the field with relative ease. Senior signal-caller

Rick LeClerc, and his rotating backfield of speedy halfbacks David Stuart and Danny Beaudette, and tough fullbacks Kurt Toomey and John Pezzamenti, smashed the Spartan defense almost at will.

The scrimmage was termed "an excellent showing" by Michalek, although he quickly added that East Longmeadow also moved the pigskin on Brownie defenders, though the real estate came in bits and pieces, and not in huge chunks.

When the annual pre-season encounter was over, the Brownie varsity had crossed the goal line three times and the junior varsity once. The Spartans failed to score.

Michalek said senior Larry Roberts, a mammoth on anyone's defensive line, played his usual steady self when enemy ball carriers crashed into the local's line. The second year coach noted that only Roberts, LeClerc, and linemen Mike Longhi and Bill Blackak are returning starters from last season's 7-3-1 squad, and all played well against the Spartans.

An avid recruiting campaign by Michalek and his staff brought out many first year seniors to the gridiron wars. Michalek pointed out that without these additional performers, the squad would suffer from an acute case of "depthitis," a disease often fatal to a team aiming for bigger and better things, especially in football.

Michalek seems concerned with the depth factor, although he said he is working diligently with his second and third string players to acquaint them with full time duty in the event of an untimely mishap to a first stringer.

Also new to the scene is Grant Ward, a 6-4 exchange student from Australia whose last taste of football came on a soccer field, which is football, European style. Ward is not unaccustomed to contact sports since he played rugby on his native soil. Michalek said the big AFS student should see action and is learning the ropes quickly.

"At this point, we're in much better shape than we were a year ago," Michalek remarked in a recent conversation with the Advertiser/News. "The veer execution is coming and we can fill every position with a letterman, and that's a good feeling."

LeClerc, a rifle-armed QB who alternated with the now graduated Randy Young last season, could very well be the AA Conference's best, or so says many local buffs.

Thus far through the ledger, LeClerc, Beaudette and receiver Abe Yacteen, who is becoming the Brownies "Mad Stork" on offense, are seeing double duty on both the offense and defense. Michalek feels uncomfortable with expending that amount of talent on both ends of the candle and is hoping to fill their defensive shoes from the ranks.

One setback the Brownies have suffered is the loss of Steve Wojcek, a fine two-way performer who broke his wrist. Wojcek is out for the season.

"We will really miss Steve," Michalek said of his fine veteran. "We needed him this year and replacing people of his caliber isn't easy."

With a second scrimmage this Saturday in Greenfield approaching, the Brownie mentor hopes that another good outing will further prepare the club for a tough seasonal opener against Division II kingpin Minnechaug, Friday, September 14th, under the lights at Springfield College.

While Michalek won't openly admit it, one gets the impression that this could be the year Agawam recaptures some of its long lost glory. Michalek remains quietly confident as caution dictates his present posture.

As one local observer put it the other day, "We have all the makings for a memorable season. But today's confidence is tomorrow's spilled milk."

Perhaps after September 14th, we'll better know where the townee's stand.

Agawam Girls Win Basketball Awards

Awards went to six Agawam players at the banquet last Friday which concluded the fourth annual session of the Pioneer Basketball School at Wilbraham-Monson Academy.

In the NCAA division, which included the younger players, Diane Goodman received the distinction of being the most improved player for the session. Lena Kozloski was tapped as best defensive player, and Maria Kozloski received the sportsmanship award.

In the NBA division made up of the older players, Debbie Cheetam was awarded a trophy as a member of the championship team, while both Sharon Baldarelli and Elaina Granger were elected to the All-Star team.

Randy Young A Candidate for Dartmouth Football

Randy Young, a football and track prospect from Agawam High School, will enter Dartmouth College this fall as a member of the Class of 1983.

Young will be a candidate for the Dartmouth freshman football team (first-year players are ineligible for varsity action under Ivy League regulations) and he will also try out for the indoor and outdoor track teams.

The Big Green swept the Ivy League football championship last season under Coach Joe Yukica and retained its position as the conference's winningest team.

Young earned a total of seven varsity letters in football, basketball and track and was named the most valuable senior at Agawam in the latter sport.

Vice-president of his class for two years and a member of the National Honor Society, he plans to become a pre-med major. Young is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Young of 1162 River Road, Agawam.

Agawam Hockey Sign-Ups

Hockey Coaches Announced

Anyone interested in playing hockey for the Agawam Hockey Association should call 786-7747 (between 9-5 daily).

The Association will accept registrations for anyone between the ages of 6-16.

The 1978-1979 board members are as follows: Lou Guevin, president, Dick Mercure, vice president, Phil Shuman, treasurer, Sandy Blanchard, secretary, Nancy Farrell, fin. secretary, Larry Bouchard, player-coach co-ordinator, Rich Hill, ice co-ordinator, Steve Silvia, ways and means, Judy Buearegard, equipment manager, and Pat Guevin, publicity director.

The Agawam Hockey Association will begin their tryouts on Thursday September 13, 1979. The coaches for the '79-'80 season are: Bob Guevin [6-8], Tom Walczak [8-10], Mike Byrne [10-12A], Larry Bouchard [10-12B], Preston Perrault [12-14], and Chuck Petrucci [14-16]. Anyone that is interested in playing hockey may call 786-7747 for more information. More teams and coaches will be announced if there are enough additional registered players.

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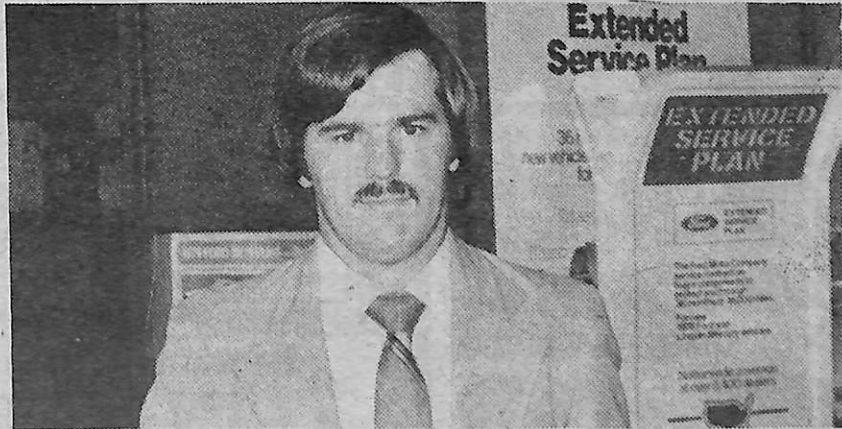
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Welcome to my World

by Charles Duclos

Basketball Clinic

Several of our town's femme fatales participated in a basketball clinic conducted at Wilbraham Monson Academy recently. Approximately 50 young women took part in the program offered by the Pioneer Basketball School. A few of our gals coveted-cherished awards upon completion of the week-long course. All-star trophies were given to Elaina Granger and Shari Balderelli; Lena Kozloski received the outstanding defensive player award, while sister Maria walked away with the sportsmanship citation. Diane Goodman scooped up the most improved player recognition at the presentation. Others taking part from Agawam were Kathy LaGrange, Gail Stefanik, Debbie Cheetham, Carol Goehlert, Karen Barr, and Jennifer O'Brien.

Camp Rainbow

Camp Rainbow, the program for children with special needs, recently concluded another successful season. Conducted at the Robinson Park School, the program was under the direction of Dr. Neil Wilensky. Mrs. D. and I are most grateful to Dr. Wilensky and his staff for allowing two of our children, Michelle and Jeff, to work in this program as volunteers. It was a most rewarding experience for both, and they look forward to returning next year.

A.A.A. News and Views

Bill O'Brien, coach of the 1-14 girls' soccer team, playing in the Pioneer Valley Soccer League, has had his charges on the field this past week and has been putting them through some gruelling paces. O'Brien's team is sponsored by the Agawam Athletic Association. The coach indicated to this writer that he looks forward to another successful year as they took first place in the 12 and under age group last year. Now that most of the players have advanced to teenage status, the group has moved to the league's next age bracket. O'Brien does not feel that this will hinder their performance.

Incidentally, O'Brien's team is looking for a berth in the invitational soccer tournament to be held in Arlington, Virginia, on November 23, 24, and 25. The major stumbling block to the team's attendance is a financial one, according to Bill. As part of a program to raise the needed money, the Agawam Athletic Association is sponsoring a car wash on Saturday, September 8th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Agawam Middle School. Your support in sending our 13-14 girls' soccer team to represent our town in this worthwhile sporting event is greatly needed and appreciated.

Penmanship Praised

Do you remember when you went through those tedious exercises in penmanship during your school days? I do and I'm sure that most of you can remember back that far. I can recall almost using an artist's delicate touch as each letter and number had to be done ever so carefully. During those days, penmanship class was always the last period of the day, and one could not be dismissed until a near-perfect paper was turned in to the teacher. Well, I want you to be aware that practice makes perfect, and the reward for perfection has paid off... even if it is thirty years overdue. My daughters, Deanne and Michelle, think that their father has beautiful handwriting...especially when it's at the bottom of a charge card slip or a check made out to them.

Snake Riley At Bat For Heart Fund

Snake Riley at bat for heart fund

The Mike "Snake" Riley Batting Cage, 1282 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, will host a special day for the Western Massachusetts Division, American Heart Association, on Sunday, September 16th. The rain date will be the following Sunday, September 23rd. According to John and Marion Riley, co-managers, between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. individuals can practice their batting techniques and contribute to the Heart Association at the same time. Participants will get three balls for 50 cents, and all the proceeds will be donated to the Heart Association in support of the research and programs to help fight the Nation's Number One Killer, Heart Disease.

Mike "Snake" Riley, a native of Agawam who currently plays with the Minnesota Twins, will be on hand at his Batting Cage for baseball tips and autographs. Hit one for the Heart Fund on September 16th and the "Snake" will pick up the balls.

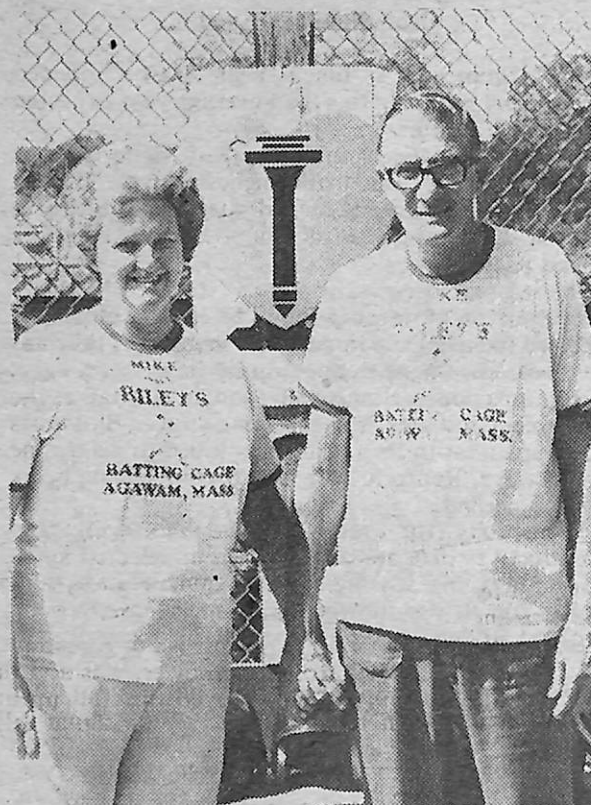
So come and support the Heart Association. Remember, "We're fighting for your life."




Pictured is Carlos Seixas Jr., age 6, at the Batting Cage. "Hit one for the Heart Fund," that's the theme for the Heart Fund day, Sunday, September 16th (rain date September 23rd) at Mike "Snake" Riley's Batting Cage, 1282 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.



Fireman Kenneth Blair, pictured above, was one of several Agawam firemen who collected a total of \$1020.51 for Muscular Dystrophy.



Pictured are "Mama and Papa Snake" (Marion & John Riley), the co-managers of the batting cage.

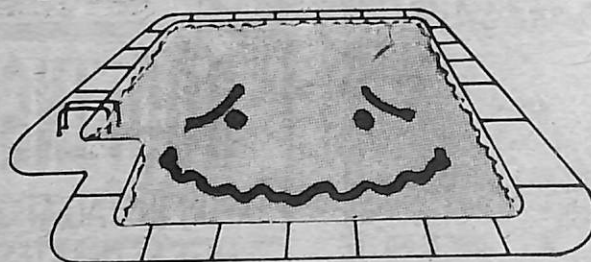


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Sportsmen's Corner

by Bill Chiba



Duck hunters in the Bay State will have three separate gunning seasons spread over the fall of the year to satisfy the early bird hunter and the late hunter.

The first season will open October 10 and close October 20. Geese, will be the same as ducks, but the closing date is October 27. The second set of dates on ducks are November 2 to 24, on geese, November 2 to 30. The third and final set of dates are December 28 on both geese and ducks and close January 12 on ducks and January 19 on geese. and January 19 on geese.

The daily bag limit of four ducks include not more than two woodies or two blacks. They are allowing a bonus on teal this year. Both blue and green wing species will be in effect October 10 through October 18th. Two teal will be allowed to the daily bag limit or you can take six teal instead.

Bear Sightings Good

New Hampshire's black bear season opened September 1 with a better than average year expected for the bear hunter.

Sightings have been numerous with some from as far south as the Concord-Manchester area. With a good apple crop statewide, old abandoned farms in Grafton, Coos, and Carroll Counties are likely spots to find bear.

The season closes in the state's Northern Management Zone on November 8th. The earliest closing is expected to have little impact on the number taken as most bears will have dened-up by then.

Hunting cooperation is being sought this fall as the department initiates a black bear study. Biologists need a small tooth from each bear killed to determine its exact age. Reproductive tracts from female bears are also needed.

Instructions for removal of the tooth and reproductive tract are available from selected sport shops and from licensing agents statewide, or by sending to the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, 34 Bridge Street, Concord 03301. The department would like the successful hunter to call the following toll free number after immediately after leaving the woods 1-800-852-3460.

Hunting permits for Vermont's fall turkey season are available to both resident and non-resident hunting license holders. You can pick up a Vermont license in the Vermont building at the Eastern States Exposition.

Season dates are October 20 to November 4. Two turkeys of either sex are allowed per hunter.

For a complete information package on fall turkey hunting, send your carefully printed name, address and 1979 Vermont hunting or combination license number to Turkey, State Wildlife Lab, Roxbury, VT 05669.

Down to Earth

by Janet Cook



September is bulb-planting month. If you order bulbs by mail now, make sure to make a note somewhere as to height, color and location for planting. Somewhere between ordering and planting, it is very possible to forget where what goes and you will find yourself standing out in the cold with a handful of tulip bulbs and not the foggiest idea what to do with them.

You can plant bulbs up until freezing weather, but the bulbs like it better if you plant them in the late weeks of September through October.

If bulbs are bagged when purchased, open the bags when you get them home and store in a cool place until you are ready to plant. Early planting allows for deep rooting. Prepare the soil well with compost or peatmoss and bonemeal. Daffodils will thrive a very long time in the same place if the soil is good and the bulbs have room to multiply.

In your flower beds, space the 'big' types twelve inches apart; cover tips with five inches of soil. If you want to plant a "drift," stand in one place, throw the bulbs around you, and plant where each one falls. In this way, you'll get a natural effect.

Large tulips can be planted six to eight inches apart and ten inches deep. Measure depth from the bottom of the hole. This is somewhat deeper than suppliers recommend, but this way tulips don't run out or fail to show up the second year.

The smaller tulips need a depth of six inches. Plant small bulbs - crocus, scillas, snowdrops, muscari - three inches deep and three inches apart. Set them all firmly in each hole or in a large prepared area so that there are no air pockets underneath. When all your bulbs are planted, give them a good watering.

Peony problems? You could move them now if they aren't blooming well in spring, but maybe you should first try overhead pruning of trees or shrubs in case shade is the cause of the trouble. Too deep planting, buds blasted by botrytis blight, or too little fertilizer for these big consumers are other possibilities to check before you decide to transplant your peonies.

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Laughing Brook Slates Field Trip On Hawks

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is offering an all day field trip for families to watch migrating hawks from Mt. Tom on Saturday, September 22.

Each autumn, the Connecticut Valley is host to a tremendous concentration of hawks as they head for southern climates. Local hilltops become crowded with observers waiting for the birds as they glide overhead.

Laughing Brook naturalist Tom Tynning will lead participants on a short, but strenuous hike to the clifftops of Mt. Tom in Holyoke. Identification of hawks, record-keeping and discussions of migration and other bird behaviors is planned.

The Hawk Watch is open to the public at a fee is charged. Reservations are necessary. For more information, call Laughing Brook at 566-3571.

Our Feathered Friends

by Mary Os



Few birds have sparked the human imagination as much as the owl has. Like a cat with wings, he hunts during the night and feeds on frogs, crayfish, and some other birds and rodents. Like a cat, an owl will watch its prey quietly until the moment of attack and then pounce with sudden grace.

Humans favor animals that resemble themselves and, in many ways, owls do. Their large-eyed faces seem to mark intelligence and their upright stance is at once familiar. The cheek-like facial disk and the centrally-positioned beak lend even more human character to their visage.

An aura of mystery surrounds the owl. The vast majority of owls are nocturnal and carry on all the activities of life under the cloak of night. When other birds are settling in for the night, the owl is just awakening. Twilight signals the beginning of another work day devoted primarily to catching food and protecting territory.

The owls' enormous eyes are not just intriguing; they are the very tools by which they survive. Owls are birds of prey and must locate their food visually. Therefore, their eyes are more frontally located so that they work in conjunction with each other. Other birds who are more likely to be victims have eyes that are located on the sides of their heads which give them greater range at the expense of accuracy. The owl must be able to judge distances accurately and these frontal overlapping of visual fields allow that. Also, the beak is tilted downward and does not obstruct vision.

Owls have extraordinary hearing power and can easily pick up the high pitched, squeaky noises made by rodents. Even if blinded, an owl with hearing intact can zero in on its prey with amazing accuracy.

Adding to their aura of mystery is their almost soundless flight. Since they rely greatly on their own hearing, they have evolved a flight design that is virtually noiseless and does not interfere with their sound reception. The structure and distribution of their feathers accounts for this ability and explains those "mystical and unexplainable" appearances of the owl so often found in myth and literature.

They are indeed creatures to be admired. Because they are so hard to observe in the wild, it is best to go to a sanctuary and observe them. There are a number of owls to be seen along the nature path at Laughing Brook. Each section has an identification plate with the bird's name and pertinent information. A walk through this section of the center would make a very enjoyable fall activity.

Laughing Brook Schedules Family Walk

Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is having an afternoon family walk titled The Chemistry of Fall on Sunday, September 23 at 1 p.m.

Staff member Joe Choiniere will walk along the woodland trails and discuss the beautiful colors of autumn. The kind of tree or shrub and where it is growing both have an effect upon the plant's color and intensity. Variations in the autumn hues are looked at during this relaxing afternoon activity.

The Chemistry of Fall family walk is free with regular sanctuary admission. For more information, call Laughing Brook at 566-3571.

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Conte Names Two To Staff

U.S. Rep. Silvio O. Conte, R-Mass., today announced that he has named two First District residents to his District Office staff.

Jeffrey Ciuffreda of Pittsfield will serve as manager of the Congressman's Holyoke office, located in the Post Office Building, 650 Dwight Street.

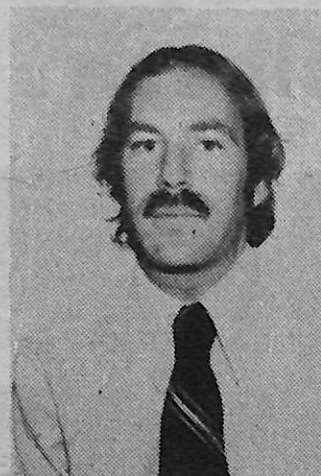
Patrick Larkin, also of Pittsfield, will serve as manager of the Congressman's Pittsfield District Office, located in the Pittsfield Federal Building, 78 Center Street, Arterial.

Ciuffreda, formerly of 18 Egremont Avenue, Pittsfield has served with the Peace Corps for the past seven years. From July 1972 to October 1975, he served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Liberia, West Africa, as an accountant/supervisor of a rural agricultural cooperative. From April 1976 to October 1976, he served as a research assistant with the Peace Corps in the Evaluation Division in Washington, D.C. His primary assignments were budget reconciliations and the conduct of an evaluation of a special Peace Corps Program in Guatemala. From November 1976 to November 1978, he was the Associate Peace Corps Director in Lesotho, Africa. In that position, he was in charge of overall office administration. From November 1978 to June 1979, he served as the Associate Peace Corps Director in Lesotho for program and training. In that position, he was responsible for all programming and training development and implementation. He is the son of Mrs. Mary Ciuffreda, formerly of Pittsfield, and the late Dominic D. Ciuffreda. He attended Pittsfield public schools, is a 1967 graduate of Pittsfield High School, and is a 1971 graduate of Boston College, where he received his bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Larkin, of 24 Blythwood Drive, Pittsfield, is a 1979 graduate of Boston College. He received his bachelor's degree in political science. He is a 1976 graduate of Ber-



Patrick Larkin



Jeffrey Ciuffreda

shire Community College, where he was named the outstanding student of the year.

He graduated in 1974 for St. Joseph Central High School in Pittsfield where he was a member of the National Honor Society.

At Berkshire Community College, he was a freshman and sophomore student leader, a member of the Advisory Board, Executive Committee, Steering Committee, Appeals Committee, Students Advisory Commission, Energy Committee and Ad-Hoc Member of the Student Senate. He was the director of the intramural soccer program at the school and played two years of soccer there. At St. Joseph's High School, he was the captain of the soccer and wrestling teams.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Larkin of Blythwood Drive, Pittsfield.



"Anybody Out There?", a comedy by John Patrick will be previewed by the Longmeadow Encore Players at the Old Howard YMCA, 26 Howard St. Spfld.) Sept 7&8 at 8:30 p.m. and Sept. 9 at 4:00 p.m.

Pictured above are Bill Kennedy as the thief and John Butler of Agawam tying his hands.

Kevin M. Peopel Promoted at Mass Mutual

Kevin M. Peopel of Agawam has been named senior actuarial assistant in the Actuarial Division of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co., it was announced today.

A native of Westfield, Peopel studied computer science at Union College and is an Associate of the Society of Actuaries.

He joined Mass Mutual in the Mathematics Department in 1972.

★ AGAWAM HOCKEY ASSOCIATION TRYOUTS SLATED ★

Those youngsters who have registered with the Agawam Hockey Association for the 1979-80 season must attend tryout sessions according to this schedule.

THERE WILL BE NO TRYOUTS NECESSARY FOR THE 6-8 AND 14-16 AGE GROUPS. ALL SESSIONS WILL BE AT THE OLYMPIA IN WEST SPRINGFIELD. COST WILL BE \$3.00 PER SKATER PER SESSION. TEAMS WILL BE PICKED AT THE FINAL TRYOUTS FOR EACH DIVISION.



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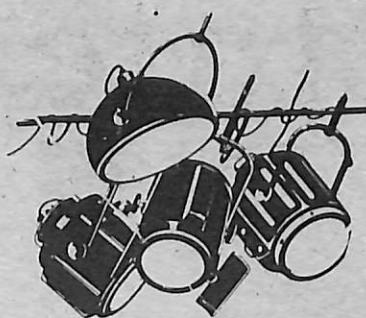
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Spotlight on Business

Danielle's Restaurant 22 King Street, Agawam



Danielle's restaurant, at 22 King Street in the former Tinti's location, is owned by Chet and Barbie Bushey of Agawam, who took over this establishment last month. They offer a wide variety of Italian specialty meals which are prepared by Rita Mancini, head chef, and her staff.

Besides fine Italian dinners, Danielle's has recently featured French gourmet cuisine. Included in this line are such dinners as frogs legs a la maison, sea food olympiad, chicken cordon bleu, and king crab legs Danielle. The Busheys hope to offer more French meals as demand calls for them.

Other future plans call for live dinner music to enhance the rich atmosphere of their restaurant, and possibly at some time in the future, to offer lunches also. For the present, Danielle's serves dinners from 5 to 10 p.m.

The Chapter 11 Lounge, under the management of Jim Bushey, Chet's brother, is open from 5:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. for relaxing before or after drinks.

Next time you feel like dining out, why not try Danielle's. Reservations are preferred on weekends.



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John O'Brien, employed by Park West Bank and Trust Company, received an AIB Standard Certificate for academic achievement at the 1979 annual meeting of the American Institute of Banking.

Mr. O'Brien became a member of AIB in 1970. He has previously been awarded two certificates from AIB, the Basic Certificate in 1975 and the General Certificate in 1978. Mr. O'Brien is associated with the Commercial Loan Department at WESTBANK.

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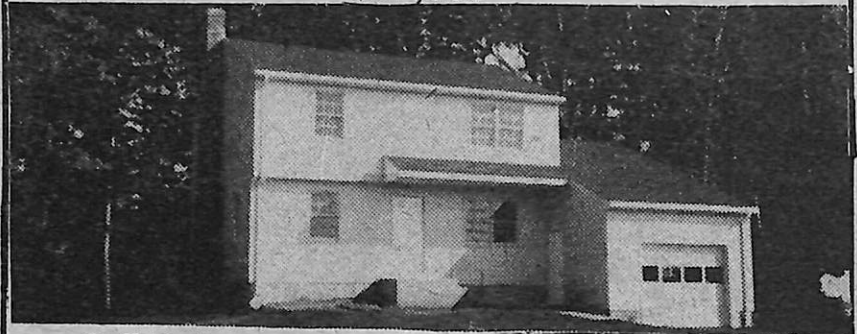
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